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McHenry Farm
Kennedyville
c. 1810

This handsome brick house stands on a hillock south of Kennedyville on land once known as Hudson Hills & Germany. It is composed of two, two-story sections, both built at the same time. The taller of the two is three bays long with a hall-parlor plan, while the lower section is two bays long and is currently limited to one room. (Originally this would have included a pantry too.)

The least altered of the first story rooms is the hall which retains an enclosed stair, mantel and cabinet from the Federal period. The parlor also has a cabinet adjacent its fireplace. The second story contains first period fireplace surrounds, doors and trim. The plan of the second floor was originally a corridor with two bedroom chambers.

Early in the building's history, perhaps during the ownership by William Kennedy, the windows were replaced with narrower units necessitating an in-fill of brick on one side of each opening. At the same time, the interior window trim was replaced.

The plan of the kitchen contains an enclosed straight-run stair adjacent the main section. Its arrangement is similar to Lamb's Meadow. The kitchen, like those in many old houses, has been the subject of the greatest alterations as cooking techniques have changed so much over the years.

Between 1860 and 1877, the farm was acquired by John Kennedy,

the founder of Kennedyville. He however did not reside here, but in a large Italianate house located at the north end of town.

McHENRY FARM
Kennedyville, Maryland
(late 18th century)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC HUDSON HILLS & GERMANY

AND/OR COMMON

McHenry Farm (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side Route 213 north, south edge
of Kennedyville

1st

CITY, TOWN

Kennedyville

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES, RESTRICTED☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. George W. McHenry

Telephone #: 301-348-5415

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Kennedyville

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21645

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 32

EHP 78

Folio #: 58

59

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1970

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The fenestration shows signs of early modifications. Six over six sash are found in all major windows except the central one on the east facade. There the window opening is wider and contains a 12/8 sash. Examination of the other three windows on this facade show that they were all made narrower by laying a series of headers inside of one jamb. Surviving rowlock arches above the windows on the east show their original width. Also the present 12/8 window was a door and the original bulkhead basement entry was replaced by a window. These modifications were evidently fairly early because the frames are pegged and trimmed with a quarterround backband. The window sills are unmolded; existing pintels remain on several first and second floor windows.

There are 2/2 sash windows in the attics, but no dormers. The 6/6 sash windows appear to be old but are in rebuilt frames.

The main house and wing have gable roofs and tapered verge boards. The box cornices on both portions have cyma recta crown and bed moldings. Chimneys with simple caps are enclosed in each gable.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES late 18th

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McHenry House is a fine example of a late 18th century farmhouse, built with a modified hall and parlour plan. The interior woodwork is simple but well-executed and handsomely proportioned.

In the 1870's the farm, called Hudson Hills or Germany, was owned and occupied by William Kennedy, a brother of John Kennedy, the founder of Kennedyville.

(Kent County Land Records, JFG1/314.)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

The plan of the main house is a hall and parlour but with one stair located in the wing. Most early detailing remains in the main portion of the house, but the wing has been extensively altered.

In Room #2 there is a paneled closed beside the fireplace. The two pairs of closed doors have raised panels whose edges are struck with a cyma reversa molding and quarterround panel moldings. The mantle is a replacement based on the mantle in Room #3. In this room the floor have been covered with narrow oak flooring.

In Room #3 there is a similiarly paneled colset with double doors right of the mantle and a closet and corner stair left of the mantle.

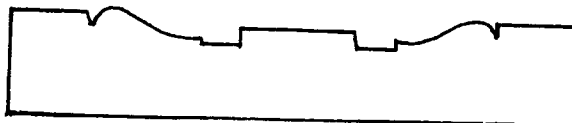
As illustrated, two kinds of trim are used on the first floor; the Greek ogee in Room #2 and the wider trim with corner blocks in Room #3.

The main stairway to the second floor is enclosed with beaded boards. In general, trim on the second floor, main house is simpler with a beaded board and cyma back band on the windows and quarterround used for the doorways. The doors are six-panel and duplicate those used for the closets on the first floor.

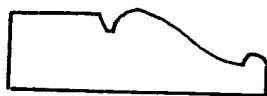
In the hall chamber, on the second floor, the fireplace has a crossetted surround and paneled closets. A corner stair leads to the attic and hall below. The other smaller room on the second floor has a small fireplace with a bold quarterround surround.

The second floor plan is typical of hall & parlour houses and includes a hallway along the rear wall of the building which leads from the present main stair (which may replace on earlier corner stair) to the hall chamber.

The house is well maintained and occupied by its owners.



Trim, Room #3



Trim, Room #2

$\frac{1}{2}$ " scale

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Kennedyville</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>Rt 213</u> , <u>1 mile South west</u> <u>X-roads (South to house)</u> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>dwellings</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Louis F. Dietz</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwellings</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-213</u>	
		2. NAME <u>Dietz House</u> <u>or Fox Farm</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>late 18th Cent.</u> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>No</u> <p>The Dietz House on the edge of Kennedyville is a late 18th century brick farmhouse. It is two storys tall and three bays long with a lowet wing two bays long, all built at the same period. Its north facade is laid in Flemish Bond and the central bay of the main portion is a door. To the rear of the wing is a large hipped roof wing. There is a brick chimney in each of the gables and the entire structure is painted white.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <u>No</u> Interior Exterior <u>Good</u>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>MB</u> DATE OF RECORD <u>5/70</u>	

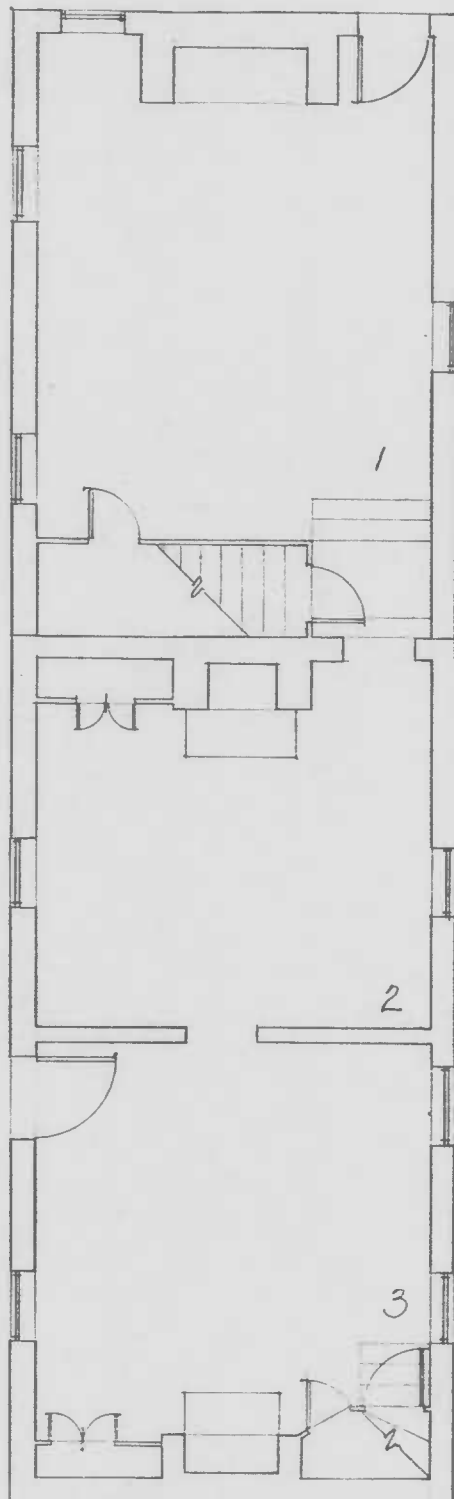
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Deitz House - K-213 or the Fox Farm

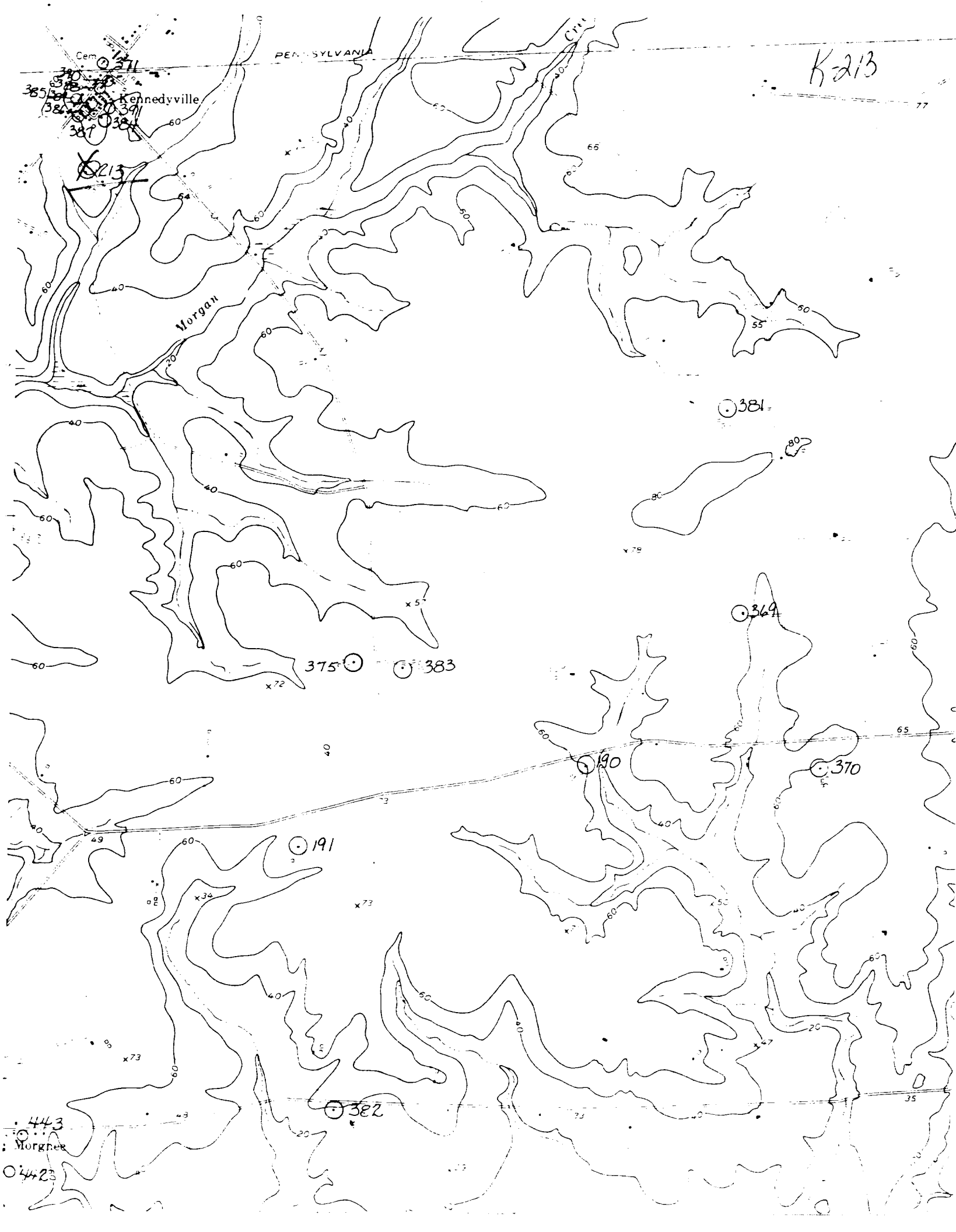
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McHENRY FARM (K-213) KENNEDYVILLE, MD.
SCALE: $\frac{1}{8}" = 1'0"$





M. L. Fritz

10/19/79

View to Southeast K-213

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